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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LILJEGREN and YANOFSKY

Application No.: 09/548,971

Filed: April 13, 2000

For: CONTROL OF FRUIT
DEHISCENCE IN ARABIDOPSIS BY
INDEHISCENT1 GENES

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6 and 12. Please amend claims 5 and 13 as follows:

5. (Twice Amended) An expression cassette comprising a promoter operably linked to a heterologous IND1 polynucleotide, or a complement thereof, encoding SEQ ID NO:2, wherein introduction of the expression cassette into a plant to suppress IND1 expression results in a plant with delayed fruit dehiscence.

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